

CFR 0579

Jessie and Granella (Key) Thompson

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS  
Deadline for Filing Application - May 1, 1997

(Please print or type)

Telephone: Redacted for Privacy

Your Name Jesse + Granella (Key) Thompson

Your Address Redacted for Privacy

Umatilla

(Street, Route or Box #, City, Zip, County)

Location of Farm Umatilla County - same address

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have a gross income from farm use of not less than \$1000 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding application for Century Farm honors. Does your farm meet this qualification? yes

Name of family member(s) who was founder or original owner of farm: Joe Key + his wife Ruth

Founder gained ownership of farm in (year) ~~1890~~ 1891

(Attach verifying documentation, see Rule 9)

Founder came to Oregon from North Carolina

Who farms the land today? Jesse + Granella Thompson

Relationship to original owner granddaughter + husband

Are any of the original buildings still in use? yes - from 1909

If yes, which ones? purchase adding to 1890 parcel - house + sheds still used. No building from 1890 purchase.

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list wheat, cattle

What do you raise on the farm today? sheep peas

How many generation live on the farm today? 2

Please list names Granella Key Thompson + her 4 daughters

Darlene Dancy, Plaine + Paula my mother

also lives in another home on the place, but she isn't a descendant of Joe Key.

Do you declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge? yes

Granella Key Thompson  
Signature of Owner

Please return forms to: Century Farm Program, Oregon  
Historical Society, 1200 S. W. Park Ave., Portland, OR 97205  
Telephone (503) 306-5215

My Dad Grant Key farmed this til 1983. He died in 1991. He was born in 1906 on the 1890 parcel + worked with his Dad Joe Key til Joe Key died in 1947.

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STATEMENT FORM

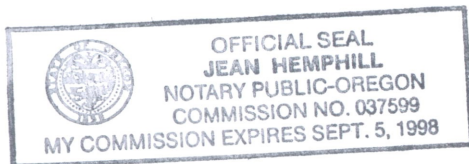
I, Granella Thompson  
hereby affirm and declare that the farm which I own at  
Weston  
in Umatilla County,  
shall have been owned by my family as specified in Rule 2  
of the RULES FOR 1997 CENTURY FARM PROGRAM for at least  
one hundred years by no later than December 31, 1997.

Granella Thompson  
Signature

-----Acknowledgement- for use of Notary Public-----

State of Oregon

County of Umatilla  
Be it remembered, that on this 23rd day of April  
1997, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and  
for said County and state, personally appeared the within  
named Granella Thompson  
known to me to be the identical individual described in  
and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to  
me that Granella Thompson executed  
the same freely and voluntarily.



In Testimony Whereof, I have  
set my hand and affixed my  
official seal the day and  
year last above written.

Jean Hemphill  
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 09-05-98

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April 23, 1997

Dear Sir;

Enclosed you will find the documents and application for century farm honors.

My grandfather, Joe Key purchased the first parcel of land from Abraham McGrew September 29, 1891. After his estate was settled in 1949, his daughter, Lola Van Winkle inherited this parcel of land. In 1964 she sold it to my Dad (her brother), Grant Key. Dad had been farming it all along. When Dad retired in 1983, my husband and I took over. Dad passed away in 1991, and my mother and I own it.

My husband and I are in partnership in the farming operation. I handle the books, and occasionally operate a tractor, combine, or truck. We jointly decide larger decisions, but he does most of the day by day farming. We live in the house that my grandfather bought in 1909, but the buildings that were on the McGrew place no longer exist. The land purchased in 1909 is adjacent to the McGrew place.

If you need any further information, please call me at 541-566-2475.

Thank you



Granella Ruth Key Thompson



Abraham S. Mc Graw et ux

To

Joseph Key

} Warranty Deed

Know all men by these presents that we Abraham S. Mc Graw and Susan Mc Graw (husband and wife) in consideration of Six Thousand three hundred Dollars to us paid by Joseph H. Key do hereby grant bargain sell and convey to said Joseph H. Key and to his heirs and assigns forever the parcel of real estate situate lying and being in Multnomah County State of Oregon and bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

the south half of the north west Quarter and the west half of the south east Quarter and all of the South west Quarter of section five (5) Township four (4) North of Range thirty five (35) East of the Willamette meridian containing three hundred and twenty (320) acres together with the tenements hereditament and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining and also all our estate right title and interest at law and equity therein or thereto including power and right of power. To have and to hold the same to the said Joseph H. Key his heirs and assigns forever and we Abraham S. and Susan McGraw do covenant with the said Joseph H. Key his heirs assigns and his legal representatives forever that the said real estate is free from incumbrances except two mortgages aggregating \$2600.00 and that we the owners in fee simple have a good right to sell and convey the same and that we will and our heirs executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same to the said Joseph H. Key and to his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demand of all persons whomsoever.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 29th day of Sept A.D. 1891

Executed in presence of  
G.A.R. McGraw  
L.S. Wood.

Abraham S. McGraw  
Susan McGraw

Seal  
Seal

State of Oregon  
County of Umatilla

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This certifies that on this the 29th day of Sept A.D. 1891 before me the undersigned a Notary Public in and for said County and State personally appeared the within named Abraham S. McGraw and Susan McGraw his wife to me known to be the identical person described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year last above written

L.S. Wood  
Notary Public  
State of Oregon

L.S. Wood

Notary Public for Oregon

Filed Feb 24 at 1 P.M. 1893

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THE *oregon history center*

1200 S.W. PARK AVENUE PORTLAND, OREGON 97205-2483  
503/306-5200 TELEPHONE 503/221-2035 FACSIMILE 503/306-5194 TDD

April 28, 1997

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse & Granella (Key) Thompson  
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Thompson:

We wish to acknowledge receiving your application for Century Farm honors. We have reviewed the application and find it complete, and wish to express our congratulations to you and your family on receiving Century Farm status for the historic JOE & RUTH KEY FARM, FOUNDED IN 1891. If you wish, you may now post an official Century Farm sign on your property. The signs are available from the following source:

Traffic Safety Supply Co.  
Att'n: Myron Boyer  
2324 S E Umatilla Street  
Portland, OR 97202  
Tel. (503) 235-8531

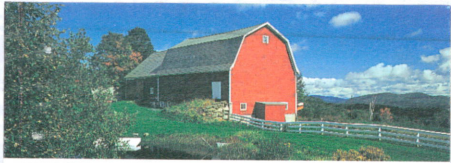
Typically, we coordinate the presentation of caligraphed Century Farm certificates with the Umatilla County Historical Society. Alternatively, if you wish to have a family reunion or private ceremony, we can arrange to have the certificate available by late June. Please let me know of your preference.

Sincerely,

Ron Brentano, Coordinator  
Century Farm Program

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